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Dear Brine Shrimp Harvester:

A sampling run on the South Arm of the Great Salt Lake was conducted on December 27th, 2016. The enumeration and analysis have been completed. All presented values are per liter of lake water.

Cysts:	12.99
Nauplii:	0.00
Juveniles:	0.00
Males:	0.00
Total Females:	0.00
Females:	0.00
Females with eggs/naups:	0.00
Females with cysts:	0.00

Accordingly, we are exercising the first seven day timeout of this harvest season pursuant to Rule R657-52-12(1)(c). The brine shrimp harvesting season on the South Arm Lake (lake only) will suspend Friday, December 30, 2016 at 5:09 p.m. MST (official sunset). All other aspects of the rule will remain in effect. Harvest will be permitted on the South Arm Beach as well as the North Arm (both lake and beach) during this closure period.

During the closure period, we will continue to sample and determine if there are sufficient quantities of cysts to resume harvest. If the season resumes, it will open at noon on Saturday, January 7, 2017. The decision will be based upon resource conservation. We will be in contact with the harvesting companies toward the end of the closure period regarding our decision.

Daily harvest reports during the timeout will not be required for the South Arm Lake. However, reports for harvest occurring in the salt ponds, on the South Arm beach, and on the North Arm will be required as normal. Daily harvest reports will still be required for the South Arm Lake for December 30th. Weekly harvest reports will also be required at the normal time.

The cumulative harvest poundage totals through harvest day December 28, 2016 are:

Lake:	11,669,998
Shore:	18,582,300
Salt Ponds:	251,946
Total:	<hr/> 30,504,244

Thank you for your support of our work here at The Great Salt Lake Ecosystem Program.

Sincerely,

John Luft
Great Salt Lake Ecosystem Program Manager